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In re Application of)
Norbert Heske, et al.) Group: 3736
Serial No.: 10/549,820)
Filed: September 20, 2005)
Title: COAXIAL CANNULA PROVIDED WITH A)
SEALING ELEMENT) Examiner: M. Stout

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the following Interview Summary relating to the in-person interview conducted May 28, 2009. In attendance were: (1): Michael C. Stout for the USPTO, (2) Max Hindenburg for the USPTO, and (3): Ronald K. Aust, for Applicants. Applicants' representative thanks the Examiners for the courtesies extending during the interview.

(A) A Brief Description Of The Nature Of Any Exhibit Shown Or Any Demonstration Conducted

No demonstration was performed relating directly to the claimed invention, although a biopsy device was demonstrated for several Examiners from Art Unit 3736, with Examiners Stout and Hindenburg being in attendance.

(B) Identification Of The Claims Discussed

Claim 1

(C) Identification Of Specific Prior Art Discussed

Ouchi (US 6,514,215).

(D) Identification Of The Principal Proposed Amendments Of A Substantive Nature

None.

(E) General Thrust Of The Principal Arguments Of The Applicant And The Examiner

Applicants' representative discussed distinctions between the cited reference and the claimed invention.

(F) A General Indication Of Any Other Pertinent Matters Discussed

None

(G) General Results Or Outcome Of The Interview

No agreement was reached as to allowance of claims.

(H) A Paper Copy Of The Internet E-Mail

None

Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (317) 894-0801.

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